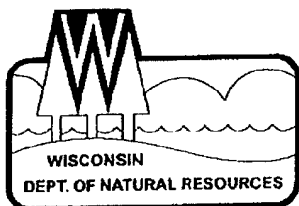


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Subject: Replacement of Boiler Steam Tubes

Dear Mr. Weinbauer:

Recently you asked whether the department had treated the replacement or repair of boiler steam tubes as a project that would require an air pollution control permit. In my initial response I indicated that I did not believe that the department had treated such projects as requiring an air permit, but would confirm the issue with other program staff. I am writing to inform you that I have canvassed the Air Program staff and the results of my survey indicate that the department has not treated the replacement or repair of boiler steam tubes as projects that would require an air permit. Should have any further questions on this issue, please feel free to call either Tom Steidl at (608) 266-0235 or me at (608) 266-6876.

Sincerely,

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